

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DJIBOUTI 0740

E.O.11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: ET, FR, DJ, SO, (ALI MIRAT)  
SUBJECT: AFAR SULTAN ALI MIRAH

REF: DJIBOUTI 0345

1. ALI MIRAH HAS REOAINED IN DJIBOUTI SINCE HIS ARRIVAL VIA  
SOMALIA ON MARCH 9. ALTHOUGH HE HAS REPEATEDLY PLEDGED THAT  
THE AFAR LIBERATION FRONT WILL NOT ENGAGE IN VIOLENCE SO LONG

AS HE IS IN DJIBOUTI -- A PLEDGE WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH  
AMBASSADOR, HAS BEEN HONORED WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF  
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A SINGLE MINING INCIDENT -- HE CONTINUES TO RECEIVE AFAR  
FIGURES FROM ETHIOPIA AND IS A SOURCE OF CONCERN TO THE PMGSE.  
ETHIOPIAN REPRESENTATIVES HAVE DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE  
FRENCH, AND PRESUMABLY, WITH THE GROD. WHILE BOTH PRESIDENT  
HASSAN GOULED AND PRIME MINISTER ABDALLAH KAMIL HAVE EXPRESSED  
A DESIRE TO SEE THE LAST OF ALI MIRAH  
HABEAN GOULED HAS TOLD

THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT THE AFARS IN HIS CABINET ARE OPPOSED TO FORCING THE SULTAN'S DEPARTURE AND HE IS UNWILLING TO ADD FURTHER TO THE POLITICAL BURDENS OF THE AFARS WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HIS GOVERNMENT BY PRESSING THE MATTER FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

2. COMMENT: IT WOULD SEEM FROM THIS REPORT THAT ABDALLAT KAMIL, AS THE MOST POWERFUL AFAR FIGURE IN THE GOVERNMENT, IS OF TWO MINDS ON THIS SUBJECT, DESPITE HIS PROTESTATIONS TO THE CONTRARY# ALTHOUGH ALI MIRAT'S PERSONAL CAUSE IS NOT ONE WHICH ATTRACTS MUCH SUPPORT FROM THE YOUNGER EDUCATED AFARS, HE REMAINS AN IMPORTANT SYMBOLIC FIGURE WHICH AFAR POLITICIANS WOULD PREFER TO AVOID OPPOSING IF POSSIBLE.  
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NOTE BY OCT: # AS RECEIVED.

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